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*Protecting the Community, Serving Justice and  
Changing Lives*

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**OPERATION LIGHTS OUT**

***The San Francisco Adult Probation Department to Conduct Sex Offender Compliance Checks,  
While Officers Volunteer at the Tenderloin Rec Center Children's Event  
Halloween Night, 10/31/15***

**MISSION:** The Adult Probation Department's "Operation Lights Out," executed Halloween night, speaks to the true essence of Probation's multiple roles: to Protect the Community, Serve Justice, and Change Lives. Operation Lights Out will concentrate monitoring compliance of registered sex offenders with crimes against children during Halloween evening hours. Out of the 115 registered sex offenders under probation supervision, the operation targets monitoring compliance of individuals with sex offenses against children, diagnosed attraction toward children, and high risk offenders. Registered Sex Offenders on supervision have been notified in advance by their probation officer of the Halloween night restrictions and expectations.

**Sex Offender Compliance Checks:** On Halloween night, identified registered sex offenders have been directed to remain inside their homes, not have Halloween decorations displayed, ensure their porch lights are off, not answer their doors for "trick or treaters," and for compliance with these restrictions to be verified through an evening Probation compliance check. This Halloween directive has been adopted to prevent future victimization by targeting those with identified sexual offenses against and attraction toward children.

**Probation Officers to host Halloween games and keep children safe at the Tenderloin Recreation Center's Halloween Event:** Prior to the sex offender compliance checks, Probation Officers will assist in supervising children's activities and distribute goodie bags at the Tenderloin Recreation Center's Halloween Party. Probation officers will safely navigate families entering the center from the streets, and increase the positive presence of probation officers in the Tenderloin community.

For more information on the San Francisco Adult Probation Department's work, contact Chief Adult Probation Officer, Karen L. Fletcher at 415-553-1687.